

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

MONTEZ R. WAYNE, )  
Petitioner, )  
v. ) No. 1:23-CV-00053 RHH  
BILL STANGE, )  
Respondent. )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon its own motion. Petitioner has submitted an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition is unsigned. Rule 2(c)(5) of the Rules Governing § 2254 cases in the United States District Courts requires that all § 2254 petitions be signed under penalty of perjury. As a result, the Court will order the Clerk to mail a copy of the application for writ to petitioner. Petitioner will be directed to sign and return the petition within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Clerk shall mail to petitioner a copy of his application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitioner must sign and return the application for writ to the Court within **thirty (30) days of the date of this Order**.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2023.

  
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RODNEY H. HOLMES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE